# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# AGRICULTURE
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1912
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INCLUSION OF ADDITIONAL CROPS UNDER PRICE STABILISATION FUND
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has received any representation from the Government of Kerala to include additional crops like pepper, ginger, cashew, turmeric, arecanut, coco, clove, vanilla, cardamom etc. to the list of price stabilization fund; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a)&(b): Government of India has approved the setting up of a Price Stabilization Fund in the Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, for the benefit of the growers of Tea, Coffee, Rubber and Tobacco. No representation has been received by the Department of Commerce from the Government of Kerala to include additional crops like pepper, ginger, cashew, turmeric, arecanut, coco, clove, vanilla, cardamom etc. under the Price Stabilization Fund (PSF). However, a request to widen the scope and dimension of the Price Stabilization Fund was made in a note submitted by the Government of Kerala to a multidisciplinary Central Team headed by Joint Secretary, Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, deputed by Government of India to assess the agriculture situation in Kerala. The multi-disciplinary Team has recommended review of the PSF scheme to make it more effective for helping the farmers in times of distress. An Expert Committee has also been constituted under the Chairmanship of Dr. Pronab Sen, Adviser, Planning Commission to review the Price Stabilization Fund Scheme and make it more useful and attractive to the growers. The report of the Committee is awaited. The Terms of Reference of this Committee do not cover widening the PSF Scheme to include other commodities.